

Good News from Goodwin

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

These first six weeks have seemed to fly by and it's hard to believe that fall is here, the weather has definitely turned cooler and leaves are at their peak. On behalf of all of us here at Goodwin, I'd like to thank you for the support you have given us and the great sense of community that we have here. Your care for, concern of, and dedication to your children and the staff has been wonderful to see. As a result, your children are kind, respectful and hard working. I start each morning outside with well over 100 hugs and smiles... who could want for anything more in a professional career. The staff here has been overwhelming in their support of me as the new administrator of Goodwin and I have found them to be of the highest level of professionalism, solely dedicated to the well-being of the children in their care. They are remarkable to work with.

Goodwin staff regularly talks with students about the importance of hard work, perseverance, and the "golden rule" of how we treat one another. We see how this school support of what you already teach them at home is demonstrated each day. Every day our children reach some milestone that can be directly related to the amount of time and effort they have put into the learning. For some children the hard work means they can communicate better; for others it means finishing a challenging book or word problem. The new Connecticut State Standards ask for our children to rise to a higher level in math and language arts and to plan, persevere and revise based upon their learning. Please know that some level of struggle and frustration is what is expected over the course of the year. It is important that they don't give up and continue to push through their frustration to find the solution. Additionally, how your children care and watch out for one another is heartwarming. They are kind, thoughtful, and inclusive. They are what makes Goodwin so great.

Your children are a constant cause for celebration! We thank you for sharing them with us. I would also like to thank the PTO for their continued support of our children and teachers. Their dedication to our school makes all the difference to us including supporting iPad use and robotics.

Warmly,
Susan

Upcoming Events For October

10/23 - Positive Discipline For Young Children Workshop 6:00-8:00 contact Shamim Patwa for more information

patwas@mansfieldct.org

10/25 -Fall Harvest & Scarecrows 1pm-4pm

- Please remember to sign up for Q-Notify <http://mansfieldct.org/qnotify> for parent notices, electronic backpack and for priority and emergency information.
- Please check our school website calendar for events, teacher emails,
- Please remember to call the school office if your child is to be absent.

Children who have cold/flu symptoms need to be fever free for 24 hours, without fever reducing medication, before returning to school.